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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
EXAMINING GROUP 1714****OFFICIAL****PATENT**
Docket No. HOE97/F143**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Sievers et al.

Group Art Unit: 1714

Application No.: 09/730,463

Examiner: Wyrozebski Lee, K. I.

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For: **NANOPOROUS INTERPENETRATING ORGANIC-INORGANIC
NETWORKS****Mail Stop AF
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450****AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed February 5, 2004, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.